



DEEPAK OBHRAI, M.P.

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Greetings for the New Year!

I am happy to send you my E-Newsletter. This will help me share with you some of the recent activities I have been involved in as a Member of Parliament for Calgary East and as Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

If you have any questions, or would like to have further information, please contact me at the numbers given below. Also, please don't hesitate to write to me with issues that are important to you. I always like to hear from you.

I wish you and your family all the best for a happy, peaceful and prosperous 2007.

Deepak Obhrai, M.P.
Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Deepak Obhrai—Bio

Deepak Obhrai has been a federal MP in the Canadian Parliament since 1997. In this current Parliament, Obhrai was appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs and is the government's representative on the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. He also serves as the chair of the Canada-India Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Obhrai remains committed to ensuring that the voices of Canada's multicultural communities are heard in Ottawa. In 2006, in recognition of the positive role he has played over the past 25 years in strengthening ties between Canada and South Asia, Deepak was honoured with awards from the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce Ottawa Business Council and from the National Indo-Canadian Council.

A new era of peace and cooperation in the African Great Lakes Region

Deepak Obhrai represented the Canadian Government at the second Summit of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region in Nairobi, Kenya, from December 14 to 15, 2006.

The conference's objective was to encourage the countries of the region to agree on a strategy and concrete actions that will bring peace, stability and prosperity to the African Great Lakes region.

It focused on peace and security, democracy and good governance, economic development and

regional integration, and humanitarian and social issues.

"As Co-Chair of the Group of Friends of the Great Lakes Region, Canada takes pride in being able to play a meaningful role in this region's development. The conference shows a desire of the region's countries to transfer themselves from conflict situations into accepting conditions of democracy and dialogue. This shows great promise for Africa and the region," Obhrai said. To read Obhrai's full speech delivered at the conference, please visit www.deepakobhrai.com



Obhrai with Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki (R) and Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete, at the Great Lakes Region Conference. Obhrai was born in Tanzania.

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Obhrai represents Canada at Ecuador President's Inauguration



From January 13 to 16, 2007, Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, headed the Canadian delegation to Quito, Ecuador for the Inauguration of the President-elect Rafael Correa . Correa replaces Alfredo Palacio as Ecuador's new President. Canada hopes to enhance economic, trade and cultural ties with Ecuador.

Picture shows Deepak Obhrai with Canadian Ambassador to Ecuador Christian Lapointe.



Deepak Obhrai represented the Canadian government at the Second Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan, held in New Delhi, India, on November 18 and 19, 2006. Participating countries explored ways to strengthen cooperation in the areas of electricity, transport, trade, investment and agriculture, while promoting capacity building and focusing on regional projects in Afghanistan. Photo shows Obhrai during a bilateral meeting with the Afghan Foreign Minister Dr. Rangin Dadfar Spanta.

Chinese New Year greetings

As we welcome the Chinese (Lunar) New Year, Year 4705, which falls on February 18, 2007, Deepak Obhrai wishes you joy and harmony. May the Year of the Pig bring you and your family happiness and good fortune.

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